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REMARKS

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1. Prior to 27 December 1951, Volkspolizei Dienststelle [] was stationed in Zeithain near Riesa. It numbered about 1,200 police and was organized as a standard type VPD.
2. The 4th Kommando of the VPD was equipped with 3 model 18 light field howitzers, 1 Soviet model 100 x 122-mm howitzer and 1 Soviet 76-mm cannon. *
3. The following key officers of the unit were identified:

Rank and Name

Appointment

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VP Kommandeur Schneider (fnu)

Commanding officer.

VP Kommandeur Lohberger (fnu)

Deputy commander and PK officer.

VP Oberrat Voigt (fnu)

Chief of staff.

VP Rat Pischel (fnu)

Assistant chief of staff.

VP Oberkommissar Richter (fnu)

Acting director of training.

VP Kommandeur Holland (fnu)

Administrative officer.

VP Oberrat Daslow (fnu)

SED secretary and director of artillery training.

VP Rat Kaiser (fnu)

Liaison officer to the SED.

VP Rat Fischer (fnu)

Commanding officer of the 4th Kommando, an ex-artillery lieutenant.

VP Rat Schulz (fnu)

Director of training of the 4th Kommando, an ex-sergeant.

VP Rat Raschke (fnu)

Signal communications officer, an ex-teacher of a vocational school.

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4. The light Abteilungen, namely the 1st, 2d and 4th, and the 4th Kommando received training exclusively with the Soviet 76-mm guns. The 3d Abteilung was classified a heavy Abteilung and trained primarily with the 122-mm howitzer. It practiced with live training ammunition at the Jakobsthal-Strehla range about the end of October. The training shells disintegrated into three components upon impact.
5. The Kommandos of the VPD in Zeithain, previously stationed in Pirna, were also transferred to Zeithain about the end of October 1951. Prior to this movement, the police billeting area in Zeithain was enlarged. Four new buildings were added to it. By the end of December, only the 2d Sonderabteilung had remained in Pirna, probably serving as a guard unit there. It was said that a signal communications school would be set up in the Sonnenstein quarters, Pirna.
- 25X1 * Comment. The figure 100 signifies only that the weapon is of Soviet origin. The 4th Kommando normally has 2 light and 2 heavy Abteilungen. The equipment of the 4th Kommando, as specified in the present report, deviates from the standard equipment, probably because of the shortage of 122-mm guns.

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